GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5082
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Use of Wooden Material for Packing
Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways are using natural wooden material for packing in Hydraulic cranes, ART, ARME, 140T, Wedges for Loco and Wagon, etc. instead of synthetic material keeping in view that use of wooden material has been banned by the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways has constituted a High Level Committee in this regard in light of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directives;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the High Level Committee for use of synthetic material for the said purpose; and

(e) the funds incurred by the Railways on procurement of natural wooden material during the last three financial years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Railways have tried to procure synthetic packing from various sources based on the specification developed to suit Railway purpose. Till date no suitable product could be found. Synthetic packing is found to be unsafe as they tend to slip over one another.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Approximately ?59,26,458/- has been incurred by the Railways on procurement of wooden material during the last three financial years.
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